

CONFIDENTIAL RECORD SHEET  
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL  
B. S. A.

DATE September 29, 1961

Full Name GILBERT BAKER  
(No initials if you can possibly get full name)

Address 8221 So. Michigan

City Chicago State Illinois

Age 23 (This is important and should be exact)

Approximate age \_\_\_\_\_ (To be used ONLY when exact age is not known)

Religion Roman Catholic Nationality Negro

Occupation Council Employee

Education High School Graduate

Weight 115 Color Black Height 5' 10"

Color of hair Black Color of eyes Brown

Outstanding characteristics or interests Well trained as Scout leader.

Married or single single Children None  
(Number, ages, and names, if possible)

Wife's name \_\_\_\_\_

SCOUTING CONNECTIONS:

<u>Unit #</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Date reg'd.</u>	<u>Date resigned</u>
1555	Chicago	Illinois	Scoutmaster		

Special recognition \_\_\_\_\_

Recommended for Confidential File for following reasons:

Molesting a Scout, giving "sex instructions" with personal exposure. Disciplining Scouts by beating with all clothing removed; general indecency. Prevaricating to Priest that he had resigned as Council employee last July.

(D-787)

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Howard Harris  
Scout Executive

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DATE 2-14-65

NAME H. Boyd

March 11, 1965

Mr. Alden G. Barber  
Scout Executive  
Chicago Area Council, No. 118

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
Re: Gilbert Mark Baker

Dear Alden:

Many thanks for the additional information about Gilbert  
Baker. We will add this material to our files.

Sincerely yours,  
PERSONNEL DIVISION

Howard Boyd  
Director of Registration

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March 8, 1965

Mr. Howard Boyd  
Director of Registration  
Boy Scouts of America  
National Council  
New Brunswick, New Jersey


Dear Howard:

Enclosed is additional information concerning Gilbert Baker (Mark Baker) as a follow up to my letter to you of February 9.

He is not currently registered in the Chicago Area Council, but was registered in Troop 764 as Scoutmaster, Troop 588 as Assistant Scoutmaster, and also in 1942 until December 1964.

Please add this information to the file you now have on Mr. Baker.

Sincerely yours,

  
ALDEN G. BARBER  
Scout Executive

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~~Mark~~ Mark Baker is a 26 year old Negro who has been serving in several leadership capacities in the Greater Roseland District, Chicago Area Council, BSA over the period of about one year (1963-64). He is married and has two children, a girl of about 3 yrs. and a boy of about 1.

He was instrumental in the organization of Boy Scout Troop 1742 at St. Joachim's Catholic Church, 700 E. 91st Street, and served as the Scoutmaster of this unit from its inception in December of 1963 until about August of 1964. During this period he worked with a boy membership in excess of 50 boys. Under his leadership the unit did little camping but advanced in a normal manner. He was placed in the confidence of parents and institutional leadership. During the period mentioned, Mr. Baker was well known in the district for his excellent showmanship in award ceremonies.

Mr. Baker served as Assistant Scoutmaster of Troop 588 sponsored by the West Chesterfield Community Association. The Scoutmaster was Mr. Robert Holder, 9129 Burnside Ave. This unit also showed good boy growth but little advancement. He remained in this position from about January, 1964 to August, 1964. He then resigned from the above two units for reasons which are listed below.

From about February of 1964 to January of 1965, he served as Scoutmaster of Troop 764 sponsored by Vincent Methodist Church, located at 91st Place and Langley Ave. Here as in the previous units he was placed in great confidence by the parents of the boys and the pastor of the church, Rev. [REDACTED]. It was decided by the minister that a room might be set aside for the use of the Scoutmaster to be used for counseling. He was given a key to the room and told to use it to advise and counsel the boys who were having difficulties adjusting in the unit. During his tenure in Troop 764, Mr. Baker raised the boy membership from eight boys to over 90.

In August of 1964 the district received a call from a Mrs. [REDACTED] who was the mother of a boy in Scout Troop 588. She claimed that Mr. Baker had sexually molested her son, but upon further questioning by the Assistant District Executive and the Scoutmaster, Mr. Holder, it was brought out that Mr. Baker had taken the

boy into his counseling room at Vincent Methodist Church to teach him sex. The boy said that Mr. Baker had made him remove his trousers but did not touch him. A note might be added here that Mr. Baker denied the accusations and further accused the boy of lying. He supported this statement by saying the boy had been caught causing trouble in school, passing profane notes to girls, and his mother had been called in by the teacher. With this statement, the mother of the boy agreed, but when the school was confronted, the teacher denied that she had talked to Mrs. [REDACTED] in the time period in question.

The Assistant District Executive and Mr. Holder then met with the pastor of the church which sponsored the school where the boy, [REDACTED], attended. This was St. Joachim's, the church which also sponsored Troop 1742 of which Mr. Baker was the Scoutmaster. At that time a decision was made to relieve Mr. Baker of his positions in both Troop 588 and 1742. Because there was no conclusive evidence of sexual molestation, and because of the lack of corroboration of any statements, Mr. Baker was allowed to continue in his position as Scoutmaster of Troop 764. During this time he was kept under constant surveillance of the minister of that church who had been alerted about the situation.

The unit went to camp at Owasippe Scout Reservation in the summer of 1964, but Mr. Baker was not along. The unit went under the leadership of Mr. Cecil Williams who was registered as the Institutional Representative. Mr. Baker's plans for the summer of 1965 included a trip to Colorado.

On January 21, 1965 the Assistant District Executive was called to the parsonage of Vincent Church by the pastor. At this time Mr. Baker had been evicted from his former residence, 612 E. 92nd St. and was living at the parsonage, 701 E. 91st Place.

Rev. [REDACTED] said that a Mrs. [REDACTED], the mother of a boy in Vincent Troop 764 had been sexually molested by Mr. Baker, about a year before. When questioned about the time span involved she claimed that Mr. Baker had made a pact with the

boy "on his honor as a Scout", not to tell his parents about the homosexual act. During the month prior to disclosure, a Mrs. [REDACTED] the former wife of Mr. Baker's foster brother (now living in California), had been calling the mothers of the boys in the troop and telling them that Mr. Baker was mentally disturbed. She also said that Alice, Mr. Baker's wife had told her to do that. When Alice was confronted she denied this saying that she merely wanted Mrs. [REDACTED] to talk to Mr. Baker about his temper. These calls started a series of rumors which passed through the families of the boys, possibly culminating in the revelation of the problem with the boy mentioned above, [REDACTED].

On the morning of the 21st of January, when the Asst. Dist. Executive was called to the parsonage, Rev. [REDACTED] said that Mr. Baker had admitted to his part in the act of homosexuality with [REDACTED] and was in the process of purchasing a gun with which he had said he would take his life. A suicide note addressed to Rev. [REDACTED] was left under the telephone. Rev. [REDACTED] also went into Mr. Baker's room and found an itinerary which Mr. Baker was going to follow that day. After the purchase of the weapon, Mr. Baker was planning to go to the home where his wife and two children were staying since the eviction from their home about a month before. After killing his family, he was to return to the parsonage where he would take his own life. In the note which he left to the minister, Mr. Baker told that he felt he was "of no use to himself, his family, or the people who had placed their trust in him," so he could find no alternative."

That morning, Rev. [REDACTED] went to the place where Mrs. Baker and the two children were staying as a preventative measure. The Asst. District Executive remained at the parsonage, also as a preventative measure. By the evening of Jan. 21st, Mr. Baker had committed himself to the care of a doctor, and through the aid of the minister, no harm had been done to Mr. Baker's family. No weapon was found on him. The police had been notified of the suspected suicide, but no action was taken. The authorities said no action could be taken unless the suspect had the weapon in his hand and was about to use it.

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Mr. Baker was then committed to the Elgin State Mental Hospital, Elgin, Ill., where he was placed in the Veterans Ward under the care of a Dr. Florres. Because he was self committed, a period of fifteen days was required for Mr. Baker to remain in the care of the state. After this period he would be released as an out patient under the care of his doctor or one suggested by the state.

The minister and Assistant District Executive visited the Elgin Hospital and Dr. Florres who said Mr. Baker would be released at the end of the fifteen day period, and only by court order could he again be committed.

By this time an hysteria had been building up through rumors which involved Mrs. [REDACTED], Mrs. [REDACTED], Mrs. [REDACTED], and Mrs. Baker. There is a possibility that other mothers were involved. It was felt that it was to the best interest of all concerned, that Mrs. Baker not return to the community and a sincere effort be made to prevent such a return. For this it was necessary for Mrs. [REDACTED] to make a report to the Sex and Homocide Squad of the Police Dept. and further to make a complaint which would result in a court order. The Sex-Homocide detectives who wrote the report were Joseph Gonzales and John Henry of the Area #2 precinct. The report was made on Wednesday, Feb. 3rd, 1965 at the Kensington Police Station, Kensington and Indiana Ave. Present were [REDACTED] & Mrs. [REDACTED], Rev. [REDACTED], and the Assistant District Executive. The next morning, Mrs. [REDACTED] had a court order made for Mr. Baker's arrest and subsequent confinement where, as of this report, he is now in jail.

#### FURTHER NOTES:

Immediately before becoming a Scoutmaster in Greater Roseland, Mr. Baker served in the U.S. Army where he held the position of Scoutmaster in the Pikes Peak Council.

*Dr. Florres said Mr. Baker showed no suicidal tendencies.*

During all proceedings, constant touch was maintained with the district Executive, Albert Broberg, who in turn kept in touch with the Field Director.

All efforts were made to prevent adverse publicity of any kind.

This is a report to the best of my knowledge on morals charges filed on Mr. [REDACTED] Mark Baker, and the events leading to those charges.

Michael R. Chy  
Assistant District Executive  
Greater Roseland District

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February 19, 1965

Mr. Alden G. Barber  
Scout Executive  
Chicago Area Council, No. 118

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
Re: Gilbert Baker--Mark Baker

Dear Alden:

You just never know to what lengths these individuals will go in trying to get back in. Your Gilbert Baker--Mark Baker situation is a good example.

Congratulations to your staff people who became alerted to this situation. We will appreciate and will await the further information which you indicate will follow. Since we already have a confidential record sheet on this individual, we will need nothing else except this supplementary report. Thank you for letting us know about this and his new alias.

Sincerely yours,  
PERSONNEL DIVISION

Howard Boyd  
Director of Registration

HB/clr

P.S.

Your letter says that Mark Baker is currently registered as Scoutmaster in the Greater Roseland District. A check with our subscription files, however, indicates that we have no record of this. Would you please let us know in what unit he is currently registered so that we can remove his name from our files.

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60606  
TELEPHONE 782-3990

February 9, 1965

Mr. Howard Boyd  
Director of Registration  
National Council  
Boy Scouts of America  
New Brunswick, New Jersey

Dear Howard:

Back in 1961 we asked that a Mr. Gilbert Baker be placed on the confidential file, and we have confirmation that this was accomplished.

Recently, and without our knowledge that he was the same individual, this man registered as a Scoutmaster in the Greater Roseland District under the name of Mark Baker. Recently some of the same incidents of homosexuality occurred, and therefore I am calling this fact to your attention so that this man's record can be marked and posted.

A more detailed report will follow in the next few days from our district executive, field director, and the police commander involved in the investigation.

Every precaution should be taken to see that this man does not ever have the opportunity to serve with the Boy Scouts of America. His current address is 445 E. 84th Street, Chicago - telephone - Vi 6-8164.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

ALDEN G. BARBER  
Scout Executive

AGB:es  
cc: Richard Frans

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October 6, 1961

Mr. Alden C. Barber, Scout Executive  
Chicago Council, No. 118  
9 West Washington Street  
Chicago 2, Illinois

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL  
Re: Gilbert M. Baker  
Scoutmaster, Troop 1555

Dear Alden:

Thank you for the information concerning Gilbert Baker  
and the supporting material. We have made note of this in  
our file and have marked the unit accordingly.

Sincerely yours,  
PERSONAL DIVISION

Basil F. Starkey  
Director of Registration

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October 3, 1961

Mr. Basil F. Starkey  
Director of Registration  
Boy Scouts of America  
National Council  
New Brunswick, New Jersey

Dear Bay:

On the basis of the attached record sheet we request that Gilbert Baker be placed on the confidential record list.

Mr. Baker has been serving as a Local Council Employee of the Chicago Council and currently registered as Scoutmaster of Troop 1555.

Sincerely,

ALDEN G. BARBER  
Scout Executive

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# CAREER INTERVIEW GUIDE AND ANALYSIS

(Preliminary Review)

For Position in the Professional Service, National Council, Boy Scouts of America, New Brunswick, New Jersey

NOTE: This form has been designed to guide both the prospect and the interviewer.

Prospect should answer all questions except those on the reverse side of this form.

Name <u>Wilbert Baker</u>		Address <u>8221 Michigan</u>	
City <u>Chicago</u>		State <u>Ill</u>	Phone <u>VI 6-5844</u> Date <u>1-24-61</u>

Date of birth <u>11-30-38</u>		Place of birth <u>CHICAGO</u>	
Single <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Engaged <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Children <input type="checkbox"/>	Age of children <input type="checkbox"/>	No. Boys <input type="checkbox"/>	No. Girls <input type="checkbox"/> Other Depen. <input type="checkbox"/>
Have you been: Separated? <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced? <input type="checkbox"/> Widowed? <input type="checkbox"/> Married previously? <input type="checkbox"/> When? <input type="checkbox"/>			
Religious preference <u>CATHOLIC</u>		Race <u>N</u>	Height <u>5'10"</u> Weight <u>135</u>
Condition of health <u>Good</u>		Any physical defects? <u>NO</u>	
College: Years attended <u>2 1/2</u> Graduate <u>NO</u> Year <input type="checkbox"/>		Expect to graduate <u>yes</u> Year <input type="checkbox"/> Degree <input type="checkbox"/>	
Major <u>Education</u>		College attended <u>Rosemead</u> Member APO <input type="checkbox"/>	
Scouting service record: As boy in Scouting: Total years <u>1</u>		Highest rank attained <u>1st Class</u>	
Were you a Cub Scout? <u>NO</u>		Boy Scout? <u>yes</u> Explorer or Senior Scout? <u>NO</u>	
As adult Scout leader: Total years <u>1 1/2</u>		What volunteer position held? <u>SM-ASM</u>	
Have you enrolled in professional Preview plan? <u>NO</u>		Progress <input type="checkbox"/>	
With whom have you discussed your desire for a career in Scouting? <u>Jim Connell</u>			
Community activities <u>Member of Church Choir, young adults club, see of black club</u>			
Will enter military service about <u>November 1963</u> and serve <u>2</u> years.			
Military service record			
Years in service <input type="checkbox"/>		Branch of service <input type="checkbox"/> Rank/rating <input type="checkbox"/>	
Separation date <input type="checkbox"/>		What positions? <input type="checkbox"/>	
What are your hobbies or special interests? <u>music, reading</u>			
Previous employments			
EMPLOYER		POSITION	
DATES			
<u>Maternal Service</u>		<u>Clerk Typist/stock</u>	
		<u>7-56-6-58</u>	
Present employment			
<u>The House of Representatives</u>		<u>Clerk-Typist</u>	
		<u>4-60 to -</u>	
Approximate salary in present position \$ <u>1.46 per hr</u> yearly. Why leaving <input type="checkbox"/>			
What prompts your interest in this type of work? Check statements that apply to your reasons. Add others if these do not fit your needs. ( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ) Like working with boys. ( <input type="checkbox"/> ) Desire for greater income. ( <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ) Enjoy camping and outdoor life. ( <input type="checkbox"/> ) Appreciate greater security in this work. ( <input type="checkbox"/> ) Enjoy working with men to help boys. ( <input type="checkbox"/> ) Opportunity to help my country. ( <input type="checkbox"/> ) Like to make speeches. ( <input type="checkbox"/> ) Other <input type="checkbox"/>			
References: I suggest you contact the following references for further preliminary information about me and my abilities.			
1. Former employer/friend <u>Mrs. P. Higgins</u>		Address <u>8200 Michigan</u>	
2. Scouter <u>Charles Cleveland</u>		Address <u>7753 So. Calumet</u>	
3. Spiritual adviser <u>Rev. R. Lambert</u>		Address <u>458 E. 78th St. H-1</u>	

Send original promptly to Division of Personnel, National Council, Boy Scouts of America, New Brunswick, New Jersey

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This was turned over to the Boy Scouts by Rev. [redacted] pastor of St. Dorothy R.C. Church. This is a sample case report made at following individual conferences with the boy. One boy's mother got this copy and turned it over to [redacted] father. Howard Barnes, F.D., BSA

Report #1 from Interview #1 - 6-4-61 - 4:30-5:30  
Father [redacted] knows both youngsters and insists that [redacted] has positive evidence that [redacted] Re: Heterosexuality w/ [redacted] CB  
"physical sexual interest" existed only in the [redacted] mind AGE of 12 yrs - 5 months 12 yrs 3 months  
Bill Baker. (H)

This report is the result of a conversation conducted by H. M. Baker with the above named persons. The information contained in this and other report is Confidential and gained without any pressure methods.

Problem: The intense attraction of the two persons named above to the point of indicated physical sexual interest.

Q [redacted]: What attracted you to Mrs [redacted]?  
A " " : Because she is smart and has a nice looks.  
Q " : Is this your only basis of choice?  
A " : Yes.  
Q CB : Why are you drawn to [redacted]?  
A " : Facial features only  
Q CB : Is this your only base of choice?  
A " : Yes

Parents attended to Father [redacted] idea of going together is taken up by Mr. Baker. That these sex-education talks included exposure of both boy and girl. Bill Baker's statement contained statements of very objectionable nature. (H)

At this point, a short talk on the unwise order for a boy and girl to go together, they should have done the following:

1. Dated other persons
2. Have a knowledge of what going together means
3. Have a working knowledge of physical sex
4. Know the main person very well.



Without these things hays & guile are not  
satisfactorily prepared to stick with one another.

10/15/77

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